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POLITICAL ARRESTS SWEEP HUMGARY

MILITARY JAILS OVERCROWDED -- Munich, Hungaria, 1 Sep 50

The Vienna office of Hungaria reports that not only civilian jails and interment camps, but also military jails in Hungary are found to be inadequate. The Szekesfehervar jail, which was built to house 600 inmates, already holds more than 1,000. In it are held subversive elements which have infiltrated the State Security Authority as well as military personnel. The Szekesfehervar jail, has rapidly acquired a reputation for the worst treatment of prisoners of any detention institution in the country.

ARREST ANNA RATKO -- Munich, Hungaria, 1 Sep 50

According to a recent report, Anna Ratko, one of the betrayers of the Social Democrat Party and former Minister of Public Health has been taken into custody.

SUSPECT VAJDA ARRESTED -- Munich, Hungaria, 1 Sep 50

According to unconfirmed reports from Budapest, Emerich Vajda has been relieved of his responsibilities, following the dismissal of Stephen Riesz and George Marosan. Vajda, who had been president of the State Planning Office, and was later Undersecretary in the Ministry of Internal Trade, has not appeared at his office since his return from the USSR at the beginning of summer. The new Undersecretary of the Ministry of Internal Trade was announced on 4 August, but the chronicle made no mention of Vajda.

SENTENCE PHYSICIANS -- Zurich, Die Tat, 29 Aug 50

The associated of Dr Ferenc Farago, former Director of the Bacteriological Institute, have been tried for homicide in Budapest. They were accused of responsibility for the death of ten children who had received injections of whooping cough serum which contained tetanus bacteria.

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Dr Farago died in prison and the cause of his death was stated to have been heart attack. His four assistants -- three men and one woman -- pleaded guilty. The three men were sentenced to 5 years, 28 months, and 18 months respectively, and the woman to μ years.

The defendants were accused of criminal negligence without malicious intent. The newspapers, however, accused the defendants of attempting to undermine the people's democracy by killing little children.

FIRE KEY MAN IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 8 Sep 50

Louis Kiss, Deputy General Directory of CYUMERT (Fruit, Vegetable, and Potato Trading Corporation), has been removed from his position by the Minister of Interior Commerce.

Kiss is accused of illegal activities in purchasing onions and of having caused heavy damage to the state.

PURGE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS -- Zurich, Die Tat, 30 Aug 50

Laszlo Boka, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Education for several years, has been suspended. He is planning to return to his previous occupation as professor of literature at Budapest University.

Szavai, another Undersecretary in the Ministry of Education, was replaced by Magda Joboru on 7 August.

These changes in the Ministry of Education are apparently the result of the Communist Party complaints about bourgeois and clerical tendencies in the schools.

RUMOR CHANGE OF GUARD IN COMMUNIST PARTY -- Paris, Szabad Vilag, 10 Aug 50

There is again much talk in Hungarian circles of Rakosi's defeat. One of the bases for this speculation is that Joseph Revai, and not Rakosi, was Hungarian representative to the Communist Congress at Berlin. Foreign Minister Julius Kallai, who had several stormy scene; with the quick-tempered Revai allegedly will also be released. It is rumored that he will be succeeded by Alexis Bolgar, the present Ambassador to Britain.

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